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In response to the Office communication of January 13, 2004 for which a one-month response date of February 13, 2004 has been set, Applicants provide the following clarification.

Applicants did cancel claims 38-83, without prejudice, in the present application. Thus, while elected group I may include claims within this range (claims 63-65, 77 and 78), claims 38 to 83 are canceled without prejudice. As explained in the prior restriction response, however, claims 21 and 26 should be included in the elected group.

While no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. **A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.**

Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

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